

**WILLIAM S. BARNES,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

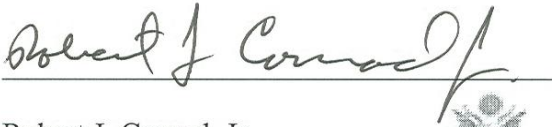
**CAROLYN W. COLVIN,**  
**Acting Commissioner of Social Security,**

**Defendant.**

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion for Attorneys' Fees, (Doc. No. 16), is **GRANTED**. The Court will award attorneys' fees in the amount of \$4,114.00, and pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), the fee award will first be subject to offset of any debt Plaintiff may owe to the United States. The Commissioner will determine whether Plaintiff owes a debt to the United States. If so, that debt will be satisfied first, and if any funds remain, they will be made payable to Plaintiff and mailed to Plaintiff's counsel. If the United States Department of the Treasury reports to the Commissioner that the Plaintiff does not owe any debt, the Government will exercise its discretion and honor an assignment of EAJA fees, and

pay those fees directly to Plaintiff's counsel. No additional petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §  
2412(d) shall be filed.

Signed: February 15, 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert J. Conrad, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Conrad, Jr.  
United States District Judge

